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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIRLIFT OF US LIVESTOCK TO GDR

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1. USBER HAS INFORMED BRITISH AND FRENCH OF
POSSIBILITY OF A US FLIGHT CARRYING LIVESTOCK TO
GDR.

2. BRITISH INFORM US THEIR POSITION REMAINS
SAME AS LAST MAY (I.E., THEY STRONGLY PREFER THAT
LIVESTOCK BE FLOW TO LEIPZIG OR ANY OTHER EAST
GERMAN AIRPORT OTHER THAN SCHOENEFELD.)

3. FRENCH HAVE CHANGED THEIR POSITION SOMEWHAT
FROM LAST MAY. THEY HAVE NOW COME UP WITH THREE
POSSIBILITIES FOR FLYING THE LIVESTOCK. IN DESCENDING
ORDER OF PREFERENCE THEY ARE: 1) LEIPZIG OR SOME OTHER
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GDR AIRPORT OTHER THAN SCHOENEFELD: 2) SCHOENEFELD, WITH
US FLIGHT ENTERING BERLIN ON NORTH/SOUTH ROUTE: AND

3) SCHOENEFELD, WITH US FLIGHT ENTERING BERLIN THROUGH ONE OF THE CORRIDORS.

4. USBER AGREES WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH THAT, SHOULD FLIGHT TAKE PLACE, IT SHOULD LAND AT LEIPZIG OR SOME OTHER GDR AIRPORT OTHER THAN SCHOENEFELD. IF, HOWEVER, IT IS DECIDED THAT FOR OVERRIDING COMMERCIAL REASONS FLIGHT MUST LAND AT SCHOENEFELD, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD COME THROUGH CORRIDOR WITH A NUMBER OF ADVANCE UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN AI AND EAST GERMANS (I.E., THAT FLIGHT WILL FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURES AS LOT FLIGHT FOR TRANSFERRING FROM BARTCC CONTROL TO SCHOENEFELD CONTROL ON LANDING AND VICE VERSA FOR TAKEOFF). HOWEVER SUCH A FLIGHT OBVIOUSLY EMBODIES SOME OF SAME DRAWBACK WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED IN CONTEXT OF PROPOSED FAURE FLIGHT TO SCHOENEFELD.

5. A US FLIGHT ENTERING BERLIN ON A NON-CORRIDOR ROUTE WOULD OPEN A PANDORA'S BOX. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD JUDGE THAT THE POLITICAL RISKS INVOLVED IN PLACING AN ALLIED REGISTRY AIRCRAFT IN BCZ WITHOUT IT HAVING ARRIVED THERE UNDER BASC/BARTCC CONTROL COULD FAR OUTWEIGHT THE VALUE OF THE FLIGHT AT THIS TIME. WE COULD IN FRENCH OPTION 2 BE CASTING THE PEARLS OF CONTROL OVER BERLIN AIR SPACE BEFORE A PLANE-LOAD OF SWINE.KLEIN

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